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Bernie Smith leads Hymn Sing at Evansville's Civic Center during the International Convention July 3 following the Tuesday evening service. Turn to pages 3-12 for convention photos and reports.

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## "You're Different"

A third of the way through a Sunday morning church service in a state New York, the minister leaves the pulpit and advances to reach the distance of children in the first pews. He will question and answer questions and give a six-minute sermon for this "church within the church."

"Are there twins in these churches? No. I thought not, for one of you looks just like any other. You might see someone with eyes and hair color much like your own, but this other person has bigger feet, yes, longer arms, a broader, deeper chin than yours.

"Different! Be glad that we do not all look just alike—and don't be alike. We need variety in physique and skin color, in ears and eyes, hair—and in abilities!"

As you meet other children and meet adults, get the habit of saying to yourself, if not aloud, "I like you—you're different."

Junior Christian Endeavor has a long, blessed record in joining our diversified youngsters in a process of learning and doing, in the service of Jesus Christ. Differing as human will, they are drawn together in the Church. The good start, in childhood means much. — B.H.D.

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# WELCOME INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

## Exceptional Evansville

was hot July 2 when Christian Endeavorers from across North America converged on Evansville, Indiana, "The Valley of Opportunity," the week's activities which made up the 1974 International Christian Endeavor Convention.

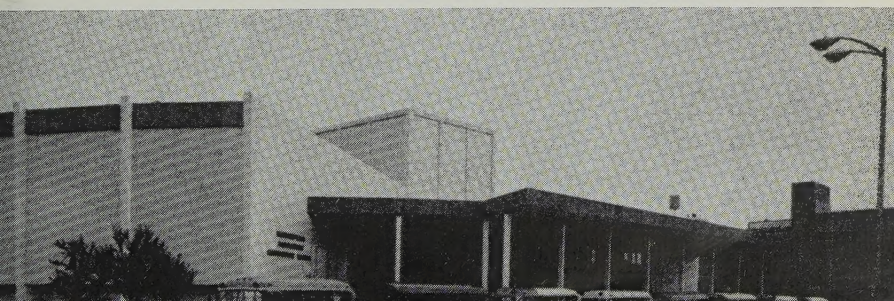
Delegates headed first to the University of Evansville where they registered and were housed and fed.

One of major sessions was air-conditioned Vanderburgh Convention Center, which can be compared with the nation's top," say Texas Endeavorers) During the morning and evening sessions plus the banquet were held.

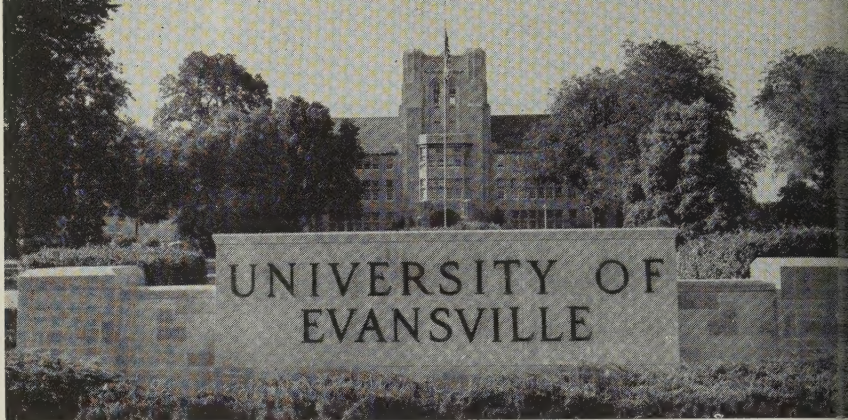
The convention theme, "Power to Become," inaugurated Christian Endeavor's biennial theme for 1973-75. Delegates were challenged to new efforts in evangelism. Outstanding Christian leaders addressed the more than 1,000 attending. The importance of witnessing was stressed.

Local General Baptist congregations in an outstanding "labor of love" provided gratis (and gracious) shuttle bus service between the college campus and Vanderburgh morning and evening — for sight-seeing to the zoo, the museum, and Angel Mounds State Park. Thanks of thanks to Rev. Ora Johnson and his dedicated workers who were on the job early and late in the service of the delegates.

From beginning to end the Evansville Convention was truly exceptional!



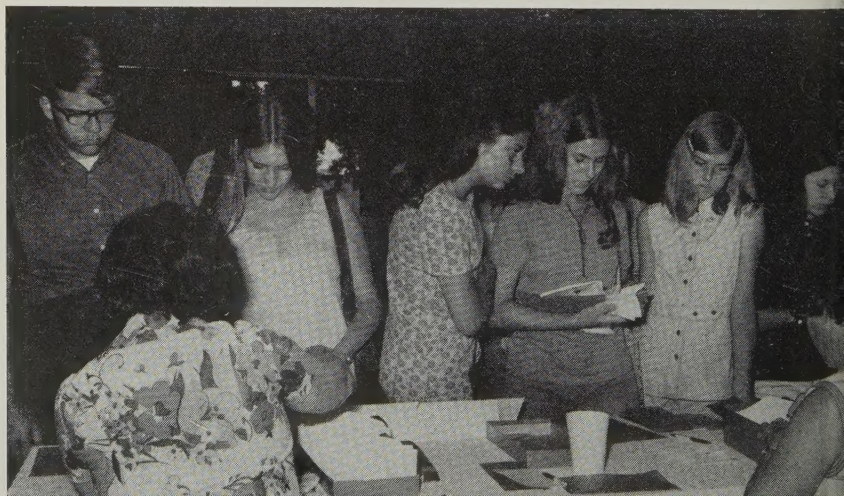




Hoosier hospitality was evident on the University of Evansville campus. Campus facilities used by delegates included the dorms, the Student Union, beautiful Harper Dining Center (delegates ate all they wanted as part of the "package plan"), Wheeler Concert Hall, Carson Center pool and gym, and lovely Neu Chapel.

Couldn't have been better, but it **could** have been cooler—typical Ohio River valley July days with 90-degree heat and high humidity prevailed.

The smiling (and pretty) pages even helped carry luggage!







Conventions don't "just happen" — Program Committee headed by Clyde Sherk of Ontario worked two years to round up the "cream of the crop" Christian personalities who were a part of Evansville.

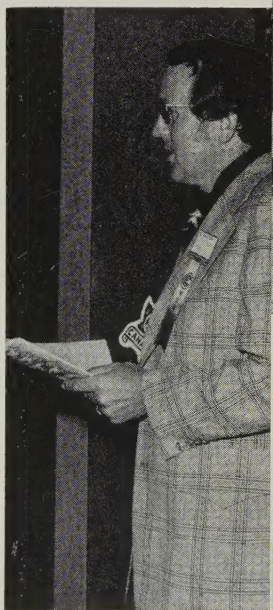
Over eighty persons had important convention roles — speakers, musicians, seminar leaders, presidors, and youth who had multiple assignments.

On opening day the convention "faculty" met with President LaVerne H. Boss, who inspired them for the week, and Program Chairman Clyde Sherk, who outlined individual program assignments. The convention's spiritual fires were lit!

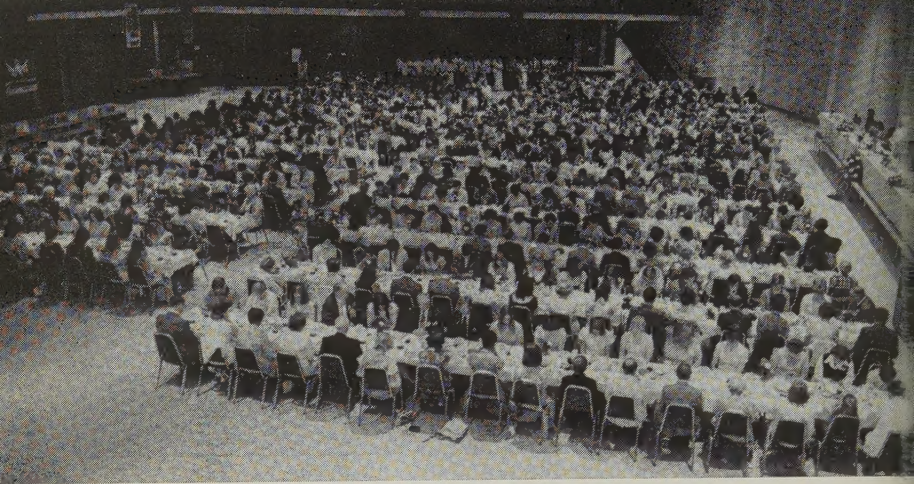
Others who helped make the convention a success were the members of the Evansville Committee. They were recognized at the Tuesday night session.

James M. Gordon was general chairman, Carlos Haskins associate chairman.

These workers were on deck early and late from Sunday, July 1, through Saturday, July 7. Hats off to a faithful corps of workers!







The convention banquet in Vanderburgh's Gold Room was a beautiful evening.



A delicious meal, colorful decorations, excellent program with Toastmaster Ralph E. Robrahn, awards to the winners in the 1973 Christian Youth Witness Program, an inspiring and down-to-earth witness by first-place individual winner Kay Wildermuth and then the folk-rock musical "Natural High" by Ralph Carmichael presented with verve and dedication by the Children of Faith of College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana, first-place society winners for 1973. An evening to remember!



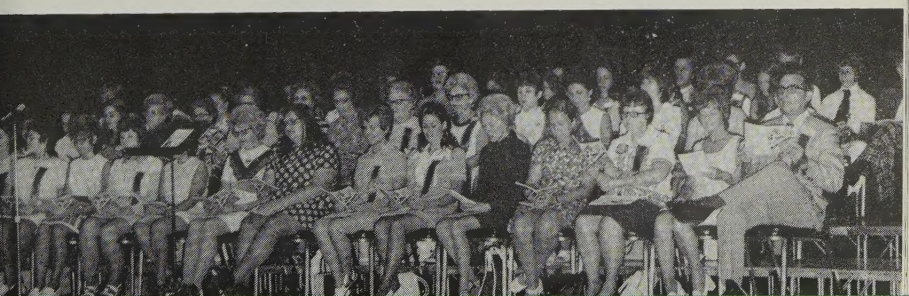
Evansville music was super!

A colorful new book called  
"Folk Encounter" hymnal  
a new and gifted song leader—  
Bernie Smith of Ontario—  
encouraged delegates to sing,  
and sing they did!  
Delegates went home singing.

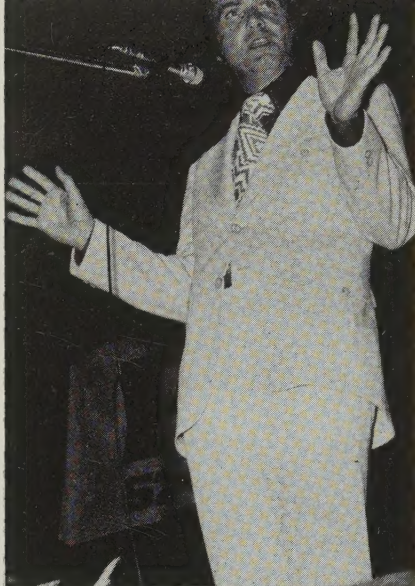
Bernie was joined by  
Ernest Mitchell at the piano  
and Robert Irvine at the organ.

An unexpected treat  
was the singing of Joy Simpson  
from Philadelphia.  
Delegates won't soon forget  
her tremendous voice as she sang  
"The Lord's Prayer."

There was also an excellent  
voice Evansville Convention Choir  
directed by Bill Brown;  
Children of Faith from Indiana;  
the New Image from Evansville,  
a handbell choir . . .  
all those who sang spontaneously  
on campus, in the dorms,  
and on the buses.







## DiRADD0

Rev. James W. Diraddo,  
director of  
Manhattan Christian Youth Service,  
New York City,  
was keynote speaker.

Due to illness in  
Dr. Charlie W. Shedd's family,  
which prevented his attendance,  
last-minute program shifts  
permitted Jim DiRaddo also  
to speak on Tuesday morning.

He declared, "By Christ's power  
we become able to  
solve the problems  
and have the strength to endure  
the trials of life."

He pointed out that  
Jesus is not the bridge  
over troubled waters, but that  
He is the One who swims with you  
in the waters.

"Man is beset with sin,  
but we can become  
what God wants us to be  
by trusting in Him."

Jim DiRaddo's preaching the Gospel  
revealed his understanding of youth.

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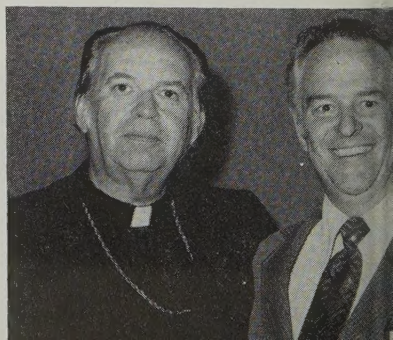
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## BENJAMIN

Thursday's speaker was Dr. Paul Benjamin, author and professor at Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, Illinois

Named "Mr. Christian Endeavor" by THE LOOKOUT magazine, he participated in the 1950 London World Convention.

"What is the central, cohesive force of life?"

For Dr. Benjamin, the answer is Jesus Christ.

"There's a lot of difference between talking about walking in faith and (actually) walking in faith."

Jesus Christ brings us together out of a pagan society and Jesus Christ sends us back into a pagan society.

"We don't tell how good we are; we tell how good Jesus is."

A lion hunt in Evansville led by Maestro Arch McQuilkin demanded full cooperation from all in the convention fun.

## TAYLOR

A standing ovation for Jesus Christ and the awarding of the 15th International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation to Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor highlighted the closing session.

Author of *The Living Bible* paraphrase, Dr. Taylor urged young people to search "the Word of God for the principles of life that will guide you."

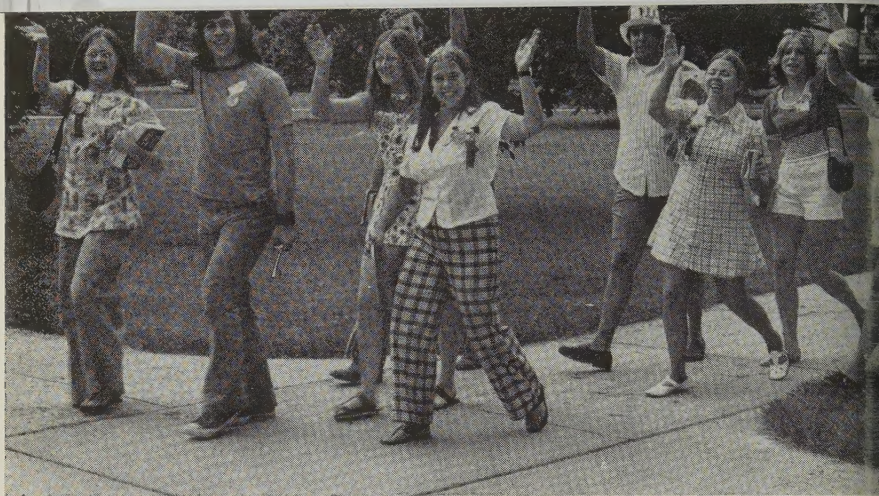
He told how decisions made as a Christian Endeavor society member in Beaverton, Oregon, when a freshman in high school helped shape his life.

Taylor commented on the applause which greeted his announcement Friday morning that he was giving copies of *The Way* to convention delegates and said, "I thought how little we thank Him."

Then he asked delegates to "give the Lord Jesus a round of applause." They did.







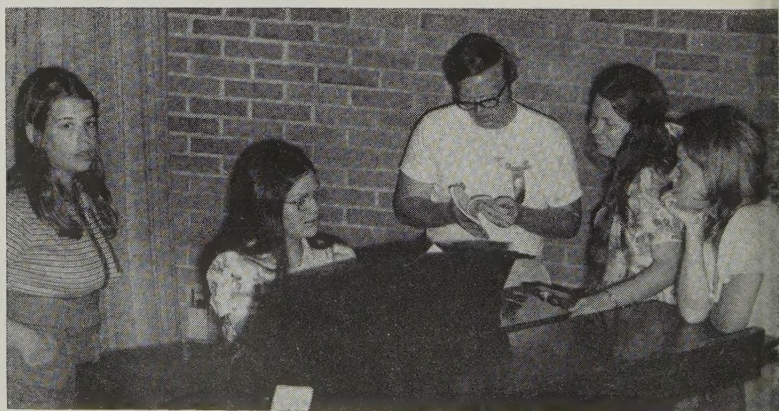
With the packed convention program there was still free time.

Happy delegates wave at photographer Andy McLean as they walk across the campus.



A popular spot in the heat was the swimming pool. Rick Woodruff of Oregon was in charge of recreation and kept delegates busy with a variety of activities.

There was also time to gather around the piano to try some of those new songs taught by Bernie from the "Folk Encounter" hymnal.







"Come Fly with Me" was the theme for the Junior Convention Friday. Directed by Mrs. Jack Bekemeier, Juniors had special activities each morning, but Friday was really **their** day. A tour of the Evansville airport began their all-day convention "around the world" trip. It was a great week for Juniors.

A guest from overseas was Dr. Fareed Mangarious of Cairo, United Presbyterian minister and president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Egypt, Sudan, and Kuwait. He directs the radio voice of the Gospel in Egypt.



Inviting delegates to Germany July 24-28, 1974, for the World's Convention in Essen was Dr. Gerhard Bonarius, German leader from Giessen.

Youth Assembly members (named by unions and denominations) met each morning.

Richard A. Powell (Ohio) was elected chairman;

Felix Davis (Alabama) vice-chairman; Linda Mills (Oregon), secretary.







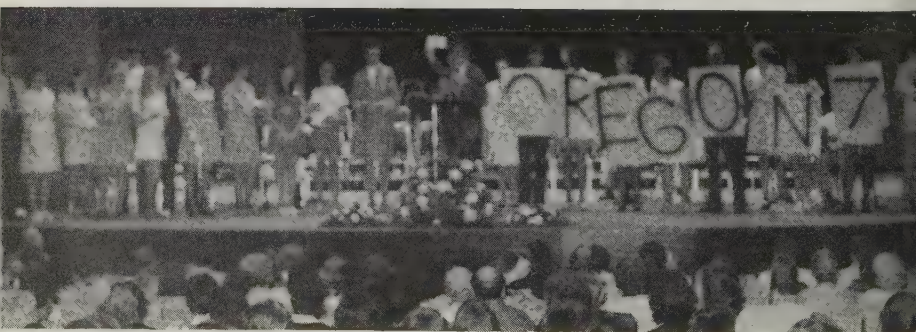
Fast-paced convention activities following the evening sessions included a three-way choice—a coffeehouse, a rap session, or special activities directed by World's President Clyde Meadows.

Even the busiest day must end, and each convention day, which began with a personal Quiet Hour, closed with small group dorm devotions.

The most exciting convention must also come to an end.

Saturday, July 7, found delegates heading for home; the Missouri bus was late, so these Endeavorers snoozed.

The end? Not really, for Oregon delegates urged everyone to 'get Oregonized' and plan to come to Portland for the International Convention in July 1975.





# NEWS



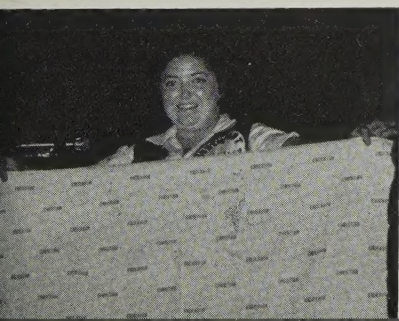
## Memory of . . .

The International Society has received gifts recently in memory of *Russell S. Gowdey* (New York), *Harlan Clark* (New Jersey), and *Dr. Earle W. Gates* (New York). Memorial gifts help advance the work of the movement. Those who want to give a living memorial should send contributions with the name of the person to be so remembered to Columbus Headquarters.

## June Jog

Congratulations to *Eugene G. Albert* of Rochester, New York, whose "June Jog for Christian Endeavor" resulted in gifts of over \$300 from sponsors. He jogged 10 miles. Any one for a jog? Gene can tell you how it's done! This is his second such project to benefit Christian Endeavor.

TENNESSEE ENDEAVORERS arranged for the production of this Christian Endeavor material, displayed by Lynn M. McKnight. Woven with the words "Christian" and "Endeavor" in red on white perma-press material (65% dacron polyester, 35% cotton), this unique material is 45" wide. A small supply is available for sale; order at \$2 a yard from Tennessee Christian Endeavor, Cosby, Tennessee 37722. Send payment with order.

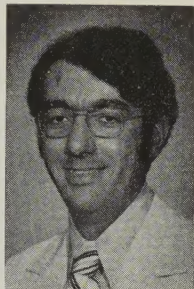


## Pennsylvania Prexy

P. Raymond Bartholomew of Sharon heads the Pennsylvania Union for the 1972-74 biennium.

By profession an attorney, Ray is a graduate of Westminster College and Vanderbilt University School of Law. With his wife Jane he serves as advisor for the Christian Endeavor Youth Fellowship of Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer.

He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society.

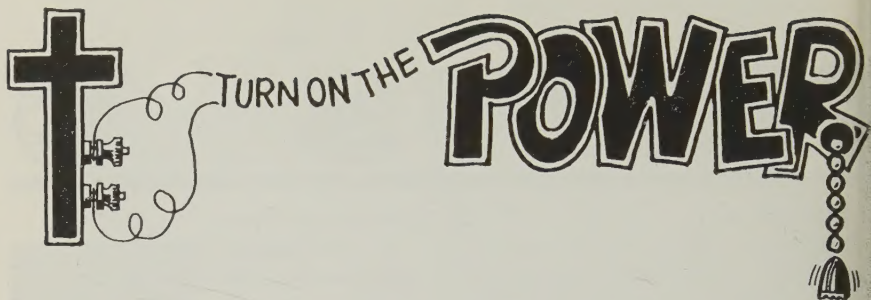


## Personalia

Sincere Christian sympathy to the family of **William J. von Minden** of Saddle River, New Jersey, who went to be with his Lord May 15. In 1931 Mr. von Minden was elected to membership on the International Society's Executive Committee. He served in that capacity for many years, was also a member of the Finance Committee, and donated his services as auditor through 1966. He was a certified public accountant and a professor at Rutgers University. Preceded in death by his wife Helen, he is survived by daughters Ann and Martha.

Best wishes to *Dr. Paul Benjamin* as he moves to Washington, D.C., to serve on a missionary basis in developing a new Church Growth Research Center. Dr. Benjamin was a speaker at Evansville.





The 1973-75 biennial theme, "Power to Become" (John 1:12), will be the theme for Christian Endeavor Week 1974, to be observed January 27-February 3. Societies and unions are urged to make Christian Endeavor Week a challenge to youth and a witness for Jesus Christ in their areas. The 1974 Christian Endeavor Week materials to be distributed without charge to groups this fall will include helps for planning and publicity, ideas for a party, a suggested order of worship, and outlines for messages. Bulletin covers, place mats, and helpful items may be purchased for local use.

### 1974 Christian Youth Witness Program

The Albert H. Diebold Awards for winning individuals and societies in the 1974 Christian Youth Witness Program total \$1,150 in cash, plus award plaques and honor certificates. Christian Endeavor youth and societies, to be eligible for awards, should report what they are doing to share their faith in Jesus Christ in their everyday life experiences.

For Christian Endeavor Week helps and folders announcing the 1974 Christian Youth Witness Program, write to Christian Endeavor Headquarters.



### Christian Endeavor Pledge for Active Members



**T**RUSTING IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support the work and worship of my own church in every way possible; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

Signed .....

Date .....

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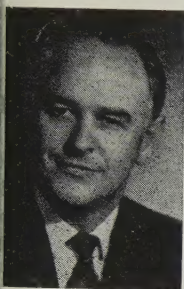
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### New Christian Endeavor Pledge Card

Reproduced above is a facsimile of the new Christian Endeavor pledge card. Printed in red ink on white card stock, these cards may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor; cost is 35c a dozen, \$2.50 per hundred. Add 25c for postage and handling on orders of \$2 or less.



# LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...



## EVANSVILLE REFLECTIONS

By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President

### International Society of Christian Endeavor

The 52nd International Convention, held in Evansville, Indiana, this July, is over. Join me in some delightful reminiscing. The Program Committee, led by chairman Clyde Sherk (Ontario), did a tremendous job in general organization and in securing top quality speakers. Registrations exceeded 1,100; however, the number of those participating was slightly less.

Everything about Evansville was exceptional! The facilities at the University of Evansville were superb; in addition, we had the use of the new, beautiful Vanderburgh County Convention Center. The local planning committee, headed by James Gordon, did an outstanding job in exhibiting that famous "Hoosier hospitality."

"Power to Become," the new biennial theme of the International Society, was the convention theme and helped set the spiritual tone. Rev. James W. DiRaddo, keynote speaker, has a unique ability of developing instant rapport with youth and spoke enthusiastically about the need for a right relationship with Jesus Christ and commitment to Him. Another tremendous speaker was Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, who also displayed tremendous rapport with youth and gave a real challenge to go out into the world and be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

One of the high points of the convention was having Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor, author of *The Living Bible*, speak on two separate occasions and be available at a reception where delegates could personally shake hands with his marvelous Christian and secure his autograph.

I wish there were space to tell you about the message by Dr. Paul Benjamin, the contribution of Arch McQuilkin during the general assemblies, the song leading done by Bernie Smith from Ontario, the 22 seminar leaders, the fellowship banquet, with over 700 in attendance, the 1973 Christian Youth Witness Program winners, and on and on and on and on. It all adds up to a tremendously inspiring, Christ-uplifting convention.

I will always remember a teen-ager's comment, after the moving Communion service led by Dr. Clyde Meadows, "This has been a wonderful week—I will never be the same. Jesus Christ is real to me and I am going to do all I can to serve Him."

This week at Evansville has reassured me that Christian Endeavor has a worthwhile, Christ-centered program and demands from each of us our finest service and support.



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July 21-August 4, 1974

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**Round trip jet, including all service charges**

The International Society of Christian Endeavor offers a Travel Group Charter flight from Newark to Brussels July 21, 1974, returning from Brussels to Newark Airport August 4. The flight will be operated by Trans International Airlines, a U.S. certificated supplemental carrier, utilizing DC-8 jet, seating 254 passengers. The flight provides meals and beverage services to all passengers.

\*These rates include a \$39.00 service charge. The \$3.00 U.S. departure tax must be added. The minimum pro rata price is subject to an increase of more than 20% as a result of defaults by participants. The charter will be cancelled if the pro rata charter price increases by more than 20% over the minimum pro rata charter price.

A 25% non-refundable deposit (under certain conditions) is payable upon booking, with balance of the minimum rate due May 13, 1974. The final maximum rate will be due May 23, 1974. No bookings can be accepted after April 8, 1974. All funds are to be held in escrow by The Ohio National Bank of Columbus, Ohio.

The Tour Department of the International Society provides economic travel arrangements in connection with Christian Endeavor meetings around the world. This flight is planned to assist delegates to attend the 17th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Essen, Germany, July 24-28, 1974.

For full information, contact Rev. Charles W. Barner, Tour Director  
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